Proceedings.

AGREEABLY to the resolution of adjournment at its last session, the Pittsburg Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church assembled to hold its Sixteenth Annual Convention, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kittanning, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, May 26th, 1859, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

FIRST SESSION.

In the absence of the President, Rev. G. Bassler, the Secretary, according to a provision of the Constitution, conducted the opening exercises. After the singing of a hymn, and a prayer, Rev. L. M. Kuhns was chosen President *pro tem.* On motion of bro. Schweigert, it was

Resolved, That one-half hour be now spent in devotional exercises, and that father Reichert, pastor of the German Congregation of this place, now on a visit to his native land, be remembered in our prayers.

At the expiration of the time allotted for devotional exercises, the Synod proceeded to business.

The roll having been called, and the credentials of the delegates received, the following persons were found to constitute the Synod:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1. Rev Frederick Ruthrauff, *r*.....Worthington.
2. " Abraham Weills,.....Washington.
3. " Charles F. W. Rechenberg,.....Toronto, C. W.
4. " G. F. Ehrenfeld, *l*.....Leechburg, Armstrong co.
5. " C. P. Krauth, D. D., *l*.....Pittsburg.
6. " J. G. Young, *l*.....Kerr's Store, Clarion co.

7. Rev. W. A. Passavant, *l*.....Pittsburg.
8. " G. Bassler,.....Zelienople.
9. " S. B. Lawson,.....Fryburg, Clarion co.
10. " W. S. Emery,.....Indiana.
11. " A. C. Ehrenfeld,.....Tarentum, Alleghany co.
12. " D. Earhart,.....Leechburg.
13. " J. Fishburn,.....Mapleville, C. W.
14. " J. A. Nuner, *a* .....Franklin, Venango co.
15. " J. B. Breckenridge, *a e*.....Curlsville, Clarion co.
16. " Robert Neuman, *r*.....Pittsburg.
17. " H. Weicksel,.....Warren, Warren co.
18. " F. Zimmerman,.....Water Cure.
19. " W. P. Ruthrauff, *l*.....Fort Wayne, Ind.
20. " M. Schweigert,.....Kittanning.
21. " H. C. Kaehler,.....Rochester, Beaver co.
22. " Wm. Berkemeier,.....Wheeling, Va.
23. " Daniel Garver, *r*.....Canton, Ohio.
24. " E. Wurster, *a e*.....Preston, C. W.
25. " L. M. Kuhns,.....Leechburg.
26. " J. Welfley, *r*.....Surgeons Hall Alleg'y. co.
27. " C. A. Brockman, *a e*.....Erie.
28. " J. K. Melhorn,.....Masontown, Fayette co.
29. " G. Gaumer,.....Donegal, Westmore'nd co.
30. " A. Yetter,.....Salem Cross Roads.
31. " H. Reck,.....Birmingham.
32. " Wm. B. Bachtell, *r*.....Jefferson Furnace.
33. " J. A. Delo,.....North Hope.
34. " J. H. Brown,.....New Wilmington.
35. " J. Wright, *l*.....Freeport.
36. " W. F. Ulery,.....Greensburg.
37. " A. H. Waters,.....Butler.
38. " C. W. Brecht,.....Evansburg, Butler co.
39. " J. S. Lawson,.....Pittsburg.
40. " H. Gilbert,.....Birmingham.
41. " J. A. Haengerer,.....Sebringsville, C. W.
42. " L. H. Gerndt,.....New Hamburg, C. W.

LICENTIATES.

43. Rev. Jacob Singer,.....Brookville.
44. " Isaiah Delo,.....Venango Boro'.
45. " C. D. Ulery, ...Pittsburg.
46. " Henry Hoehn,.....Logan, C. W.
47. " David McKee,.....Leechburg.
48. " C. F. A. Kaessman,.....Tavestock, C. W.

LAY DELEGATES.

1.	Mr.	Henry Klingensmith,	from the	charge of	Rev. G. F. Ehrenfeld.
2.	"	Joseph Graff,	"	"	" C. P. Krauth.
3.	"	Jackson Helffrich,	"	"	" D. Earhart.
4.	"	Benj. Thomas,	"	"	" J. G. Young.
5.	"	Wm. Eckhart,	"	"	" J. Fishburn.
6.	"	Martin Amen,	"	"	" H. Weicksel.
7.	"	Philip Bentel,	"	"	" H. C. Kaehler.
8.	"	Michael Rider,	"	"	" J. K. Melhorn,
9.	"	Peter Snyder,	"	"	" G. Gaumer.
10.	"	William Shaffer,	"	"	" A. Yetter.
11.	"	Mosheim Rhoads,	"	"	" J. A. Delo.
12.	"	H. W. Roth,	"	"	" A. H. Waters.
13.	"	Wm. Lutz,	"	"	" C. W. Brecht.
14.	"	Geo. Kleckner,	"	"	" Isaiah Delo.
15.	"	Philip Linhart,	"	"	" J. Welfley.
16.	"	Jacob Woods,	"	"	" F. Ruthrauff.
17.	"	Isaac Huff,	"	"	" A. C. Ehrenfeld,
18.	"	Wm. Schreckengost, *l*	"	"	" M. Schweigert.
19.	"	Isaac Bitz,	"	"	" S. B. Lawson.
20.	"	Israel Hill,	"	"	" L. M. Kuhns.
21.	"	Joseph Earhart,	"	"	" J. Wright.
22.	"	C. S. Beighley,	"	"	" G. Bassler.
23.	"	Lewis Trauger,	"	"	" W. F. Ulery.
24.	"	Philip Kribbs,	"	"	" Wm. B. Bachtell.
25.	"	L. Keim,	"	"	
26.	"	M. B. Hartzel,	"	"	" H. Reck.
27.	"	Solomon Dahle,	"	"	
28.	"	Charles Meyer,	"	"	" W. Berkemeier.

a., absent; *a.e.*, absent excused; *l.*, late; *r.*, received this session.

Commissioners.

Mr. William Black, from the Shippensburg charge.
" John Williams, " Bethel charge.
" John E. Kaster, " Licking charge.
" James Kahl, " Pisgah congregation, Butler co.

The Synod now proceeded to the election of officers for the next year, which resulted in the choice of the following persons:

REV. H. RECK,.....*President.*
" A. H. WATERS,.....*Secretary.*
" W. A. PASSAVANT,.....*Missionary President.*
MR. C. YEAGER,.....*Treasurer.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sessions of Synod continue from 8½ to 12 o'clock, A. M., and from 2 to 5 P. M., and that half an hour be spent each morning in devotional exercises.

Revs. Isaac Brenneman, from the East Ohio Synod, L. H. Gerndt and Robert Neuman, from the New York Ministerium, and Rev. Mr. Borbidge, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were received as advisory members.

Rev. W. B. Bachtell, of the Alleghany Evangelical Lutheran Synod, presented his certificate of dismission from that body and was received as a member of this Synod. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. Emery.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 8½ *o'clock.*

Opened with prayer by brother A. Yetter.

The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The following committees were announced:

Committee No. 1. A. Yetter, W. S. Emery, Joseph Graff.
" " 2. D. Earhart, J. S. Lawson, C. S. Bieghley.
" " 3. G. Gaumer, A. Weills, Philip Kribbs.
" " 4. J. H. Brown, S. B. Lawson, M. B. Hartzel.
" " 5. W. A. Passavant, W. B. Bachtell, Capt. Kribbs.

Committee No. 6. J. A. Delo, J. Wright, Jos. Earhart.
" " 7. G. Bassler, S. B. Lawson, P. Kribbs.
" " 8. H. Weicksel, F. Zimmerman, Philip Bentel.
" " 9. W. P. Ruthrauff, A. C. Ehrenfield, J. Helffrich.
" " 10. D. Garver, W. S. Emery, Isaac Huff.
" " 11. L. M. Kuhns, Israel Hill.
" " 12. F. Zimmerman, J. A. Haengerer, L. Keim.
" " 13. G. F. Ehrenfield, W. Berkemeier, J. G. Young.
" " 14. G. Bassler, F. Ruthrauff, L. M. Kuhns.
" " 15. C. P. Krauth, G. Bassler, H. Weicksel, J. Fishburn.
" " 16. P. Bentel, W. F. Ulery.
" " 17. C. F. W. Rechenberg, W. B. Bachtell, M. B. Hartzel.

Rev. F. Ruthrauff, Rev. D. Garver and Rev. J. Welfley of the West Pennsylvania Synod, presented their certificates of dismissal from that body, and were received as full members of this Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Rev. Robert Neuman of the New York Ministerium, be received as a member of this body as soon as he shall have handed in his certificate of dismissal from that body to the officers of this Synod.

Rev. M. Officer, of the Wittenberg Synod, and Rev. J. C. McClelland of the Erie Conference of the M. E. Church, were received as advisory members.

The former President having arrived, his report was now read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Beloved Brethren of the Pittsburg Synod:

It is nearly fifteen years since a few brothers met in a small room in the town of Butler, prayed and wept with each other over the desolations of our Zion in Western Pennsylvania. There the idea of the or-

ganization of this Synod first took shape and began to be developed. This was in August 1844. In the following January a convention was called to meet in Pittsburg in the church where the General Synod had just closed its sessions. At this convention eight ministers and six delegates from churches were present, who organized themselves into the Pittsburg Synod.

What God has since wrought for us and through us, I cannot stop now to tell you. But only let me say this, when we see our numbers—the congregations and missions which God has committed to us, the houses of worship erected, the Institutions established in the midst of us, the paper published in our bounds, the influence we now wield &c., we must exclaim: "What hath God wrought!"

Of the original eight, five are still in our midst, two have been called to their reward, and their memory is still cherished and revered—and the last has gone out from us. But I dare not indulge in this strain.

It becomes us to praise God most sincerely, that although, several of our ministers have removed from our bounds; none have been removed from their toils here on earth during the past year, and that they still have the precious opportunity of glorifying God in the duties of the ministry.

Ministerial Changes.

In the beginning of July received a letter from the Rev. Isaiah Delo, stating, that he had visited Venango Borough, had preached and expected to remove thither in a few weeks. He also asked some advice with regard to his appointment.

To this letter I replied Aug. 16th, giving him the advice which I considered necessary.

Close of July received a letter from the Rev. H. Weicksel, dated Warren, July 26th. In this communication he states that he has removed to this place and commenced his labors there with encouraging prospects of success. Requests that the Northern Conference may be appointed a committee to install him in his new charge.

Replied Aug. 16th, making the appointment requested by bro. W. Also addressed a note to Rev. S. B. Lawson informing him of this appointment. The time to be fixed by the parties themselves.

In the beginning of July received communications from Rev. Jacob Singer, stating that he had visited the Licking Charge in accordance with the advice of the ministerium—but could make no arrangement to take charge for want of unanimity in the Churches. He however represents it as highly important that this charge should be speedily supplied.

Mentions also that he is about to visit Forest County, at the request of several of the brethern.

Expecting to see bro. Singer in a few weeks at the meeting of the Middle Conference—I did not deem it necessary to write.

Aug. 14th, Received a letter from the Rev. M. F. Dethlefs, stating that the Constitution of the Church to which he had removed required the minister to be connected with the Northern District of the Ohio Synod. He requests an honorable dismission, in order to unite with that body.

Aug. 16th, Sent a dismission to bro. Dethlefs according to the above request.

Aug. 19th, Received a communication from the Rev. C. F. A. Kaessman, of Tavestock, P. O. Canada West, giving some account of the state of things in Hamburg, C. W., and mentioning that he had taken charge of this congregation for the present. He desired an expression of my opinion with regard to this matter. Having no knowledge of this person, and Hamburg being a mission I sent the papers referred to, to the Missionary President, requesting him to consult with bro. Berkemeier who had been on the ground.

Aug. 23d, Received a letter from Rev. H. Reck, informing me that he had, on the 28th of July, resigned Grace Ev. Luth. Church, Birmingham. The resignation to take effect October 1st and that his resignation had been accepted.

He also informed me in the same letter that the Rev. J. S. Lawson, had taken charge of Mt. Calvary Ev. Luth. Church, Robinson township, Alleghany County.

Bro. Reck having referred the matter with regard to Rev. Kaessman and the Hamburg Church back to me with such information as he was able to communicate, I replied to his communications in September. In the first place in reply to some strictures on the action of the Canada Conference and the Synod in the case of Reiche. I contended that both the Conference and Synod had acted consistently and in a christian spirit. With regard to Mr. Kaessman's connection with the Hamburg mission, I declared that as he had not sent sufficient testimonials and was not a member of any Lutheran ministerium we could not be satisfied that he should serve any congregation in our connection.

Oct. 25th, Received a letter from the Rev. J. Fishburn, inclosing one from Mr. Kaessman, in reply to the above letter. In this he expresses dissatisfaction with said answer and supposes that I must have misunderstood his first communication to me.

On the same day wrote to bro. Fishburn making further inquiries with regard to Mr. K. and explaining my views and position in his case. But as I have since learned that he expects to be at our present meeting of Synod, I prefer to refer the whole matter to the ministerium to which body it properly belongs.

In September received a letter from the Rev. H. W. Kuhns, stating that he had been requested to take charge of the Omaha mission, and desiring my assent to this step. Replied immediately expressing my approval.

Subsequently (March 10th, 1859,) received a letter from bro. Kuhns mentioning that God's blessing was manifestly resting on his labors in Omaha City, N. T. Also asking for an honorable dismission in order to unite with the Alleghany Synod in whose service he is laboring as missionary.

On the 16th, Sent the dismission requested to this brother.

Received a letter during the month of September from the 2d German Luth. Church in Pittsburg informing me that they were vacant and wished to be supplied with an orthodox Lutheran minister.

Also received a letter from Rev W. Berkemeier, informing me that he had resigned the above church and accepted a call from the Wheeling German Ev. Lutheran Zion's church and expected to remove thither in November next.

September 21st, A letter from Rev. Jacob Singer informs me that he had taken charge of the Brookville and associated churches in Jefferson County. Also asking advice in certain cases. Replied same day giving the advice desired as far as I was able.

During the month of October, was informed by letter from the Rev. W. Bradshaw Bachtell, of the Alleghany Synod that he had taken charge of the Salem pastoral charge in Clarion County, Pa. Also that he had a dismission from the Alleghany Synod and designed uniting with our Synod at its next session. He also, in addition, expresses his joy and gratification at the success which the Head of the Church has granted him thus far.

Replied to this letter Oct. 25th.

December 3d, Received a letter from Mr. Henry Pfahl, Sec'y. of the Church Council of the 2d German Ev. Luth. Church, Pittsburg, transmitting testimonials in favor of Pastor Neuman, and asking advice with regard to electing him as pastor of said church. As these testimonials were very favorable, and as I had also correspondence with several other persons which was highly satisfactory, I replied that I would be much pleased if he would be chosen and would therefore advise his election.

During this month also received a communication from the Rev. L. Herman Gerndt, from New Hamburg, C. W., stating that he had taken charge of the Hamburg mission at the direction of the Missionary President.

Some days later received another letter from this brother, containing a number of testimonials as favorable to his character and standing.—Also a request to appoint the Canada Conference a committee to install him. The testimonials are hereby submitted to Synod.

January 4th, 1859, Wrote to bro. Gerndt, acknowledging the receipt of his letter and informing him that the Conference was appointed such committee according to his request. On the same day wrote to bro

Fishburn giving him the same information and requesting him to make the necessary arrangements.

Learned also about this time by a letter from the Rev. J. Welfley, that he had taken charge of North Zion Church and appointed Rev. H. Reck a committee to install him in his new charge. Bro. W. also informs me that he has a regular dismission from the West Pennsylvania Synod.

Rev. L. H. Gerndt in a letter received Jan. 5th, mentions that he is about to take charge of Dundee, and Petersburg, and that the Lutherans in Plattsville are also anxious to have his services. He also transmits his certificate of license and a dismission from the New York Ministerium.

Answered the above—returning the license—and giving such advice as I deemed suitable.

Rev. Jacob Singer informs me by a letter received Feb. 17th, that he fears that he will be compelled to resign his charge for want of adequate support. Otherwise the prospects of the mission are very favorable.—Replied immediately to this letter, regretting exceedingly that he should be obliged to leave his field so soon and urging him if at all practicable to remain until the meeting of Synod.

March 2d, Rev. C. W. Brecht gives notice that he has resigned the St. John's German congregation in Butler County. Also that he will open a parochial school in Evansburg for three months.

By a letter received March 4th, Rev. W. Strobel informs me that he has resigned the New Castle charge and removed to Dansville, Livingston County, N. Y. He also makes some very appropriate suggestions with regard to the importance of concentrating our labors in order to insure success.

On the 7th of March received the pleasing information from bro. J. Singer that he had concluded to remain in his present field of labor until the meeting of Synod.

March 17th, Received a letter from Rev. Daniel Garver containing a dismission from the West Pennsylvania Synod—and inasmuch as he had taken charge of the Canton Church requesting the appointment of a committee of installation.

Appointed the brethren, W. A. Passavant and W. P. Ruthrauff and gave them notice of the fact.

With the same mail received a letter from the Rev. H. Braschler, informing me that he had removed from our bounds to Evansville Ia., and requesting a dismission from this body, which I sent him a few days subsequently.

In the beginning of April I received a letter from the Rev. C. A. Brockman and one from the President of the Church Council of the St. John's Church in Erie, Pa., informing me that bro. Brockman, had resigned the St. John's Church and that it is therefore vacant. The

Church Council, through the President inquires whether we can furnish them with a minister and bro. Brockman asks advice which I do not feel able to give, and would therefore refer to Synod.

Under date of April 18th, Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff informs me that he has arrived in his new field of labor in Fort Wayne, and requests the appointment of a committee of installation to induct him into his new charge.

By a letter dated April 26th, Rev. A. C. Ehrenfeld informs me that he has removed to Tarentum, is about to organize a church and that he has taken charge of Bethesda and Hankey's and that these churches with the contemplated organization in Tarentum are to be united in a new charge.

Under date of May 16th, Rev. F. Zimmerman informs me that he has removed from Wheeling, Va., to Philipsburg, Watercure P. O., Pa., and that he has taken charge of Philipsburg and other churches.

Churches Organized, &c.

Rev. J. A. Haengerer informs me in a letter in Sept., that he has visited the destitute settlement in Logan township and dedicated a house erected for a house of worship, and for school purposes, on the 12th of September. He appeals most earnestly for a minister for this section of Canada West. He says, there are 80 families connected with the Lutheran church.

The same brother in a letter dated Oct. 19th, states that the St. John's Ev. Lutheran church in Ellice township, have erected a new house of worship. It is built of logs and is 28 by 34 feet in size. It was dedicated Oct. 10th by bro. H., without assistance. He still pleads very hard for Logan township.

Rev. A. C. Ehrenfeld under date of April 26th informs me that on the 19th of March last he organized a new church in Apollo, consisting of 29 members and every prospect of success.

About the same time received a letter from Rev. J. A. Haengerer informing me that by the blessing of God he had succeeded in organizing a new congregation in Stratford with 25 members. He remarks that this church may not only become large, but also very influential in this section of Canada West, as Stratford will become a place of some importance. The church has adopted the name of the First German Ev. Luth. church of Stratford. Previous there was no German church in the place.

In this connection he again entreats for Logan.

Miscellaneous.

In the beginning of August received a letter from the Church Council of the North Zion church Alleghany county, in which they mention that

in examining the minutes of Synod they had noticed that Rev. J. S. Lawson (their former pastor) had reported six members suspended, and that they knew of no such suspension, or who the suspended persons were, and asking whether a minister in our church has the right to expel members without a regular trial.

Replied to the above that it was not in accordance with the mode of church government in our church in this country. At the same time I endeavored to give some kind advice which would lead to mutual forbearance and kind feeling.

Subsequently had some further correspondence with these brethren, but in my estimation it is unnecessary to cumber our minutes with any further reference to it.

During the month of September, at the request of several brethren, I visited Wheeling in consequence of some very unfavorable reports with regard to bro. Zimmerman in order to learn by personal inquiry whether any necessity existed for a formal investigation. On my return, recommended a special meeting of the Southern Conference and the appointment of a committee of investigation. As this matter belongs to the ministerium and as this committee will no doubt be prepared to lay the result of their labors, before that body through the S. Conf. I would recommend that the whole subject be referred accordingly.

February 2d, Received a letter from bro. Weicksel and also one from the church council of the German church in Warren inquiring whether the discipline and constitution had been translated into German and why they had not received it.

Answered these letters on the 8th, giving the most satisfactory reason I could and admonishing to patience and forbearance.

Have since received the assurance from bro. Weicksel that the letter had the desired effect.

Received a letter from J. K. Melhorn, stating that he had learned by a private letter that two churches in Erie county formerly connected with St. John's in Erie have become vacant by the removal of the Rev. M. Kuchler, that they desire to be re-united with the church in Erie and served by the same pastor, and also wish to be taken under the care of this Synod.

In consequence of this information I corresponded with Rev. Brockman, pastor of St. John's and also with bro. Melhorn on the subject. The result of the correspondence is, that, whilst Rev. Brockman declared that he could not serve them on account of his engagements and the council of St. Johu's protested against such an arrangement, as the pastor of their church has sufficient labor and that church requires all his strength and time, those churches, on the other hand, send in their Constitution and a petition to be received under the care of this Synod. This petition

and constitution are submitted to Synod—and their reception is hereby recommended.

Under date of Feb. 9th, Rev. M. Schweigert writes me a letter in which he complains of ministerial interference on the part of Rev. John A. Nuner. In consequence of this I addressed a letter immediately to bro. Nuner stating the charges and circumstances as far as it was deemed necessary. To this he immediately replied—disclaiming all intention or wish to interfere, and explaining the circumstance. But as the statements of the brethren do not altogether correspond, having their information no doubt from different sources, and, I fear, having listened to the remarks of injudicious persons, and also viewing it from different stand-points, I am not able to decide in how far one or the other may be right or wrong—and would suggest that a committee of two or three brethren be appointed by the President to hold a friendly consultation with these brethren in order to see whether it cannot be amicably settled. "Blessed are the peace makers !"

About the same time received a letter from the Rev. J. Delo, containing a preamble and several resolutions adopted at the meeting of the Northern Conference, to which I would call the attention of Synod and especially of the Missionary Committee. This bro. also asks advice with regard to the formation of a church at Kiser Hill station. Subsequently wrote to him to organize and gave such advice as I deemed necessary under the circumstances.

About the middle of Feb., received a letter from Rev. J. A. Haengerer, giving a brief account of the meeting of the Canada Conference. Also about the same time received a German paper from Canada containing an abstract of the proceedings of said conference meeting. But as these proceedings will be laid before Synod regularly it will be unnecessary for me to particularize.

Under date of March 29th, bro. Isaiah Delo writes that God had blessed his labors with manifest tokens of his favor both at Hayfield and in Venango Boro'. He also refers in this letter to certain difficulties of the former pastor bro. J. A. Nuner. If the reports he mentions are true, they deserve the attention of the Synod and the brother should be, at the least, earnestly admonished and the ministerial character vindicated. If they are not true the brother should have a fair opportunity of vindicating his own character and rebuking the talking propensity of those who circulate such reports. The matter is submitted to the prayerful consideration of Synod.

On the 13th of May I received a letter from Rev. W. F. Ulery, inclosing one from Rev. A. Long one of our missionaries in India directed to the President of Synod but intended for the Synod itself. It is submitted to your prayerful consideration.

Let me, dear brethren, before I close make a few suggestions, and as

you have honored me so long with your confidence and treated my imperfections with such marked forbearance, will you not now also bear with me a few moments longer, as in all probability I shall never again occupy the same position among you.

And first, let me kindly suggest to you that the business of Synod should be, as far as practicable, so divided among its members, and so arranged, and so much time devoted to it, that time and opportunity would be left for mutual consultation, edification and also a reasonable time left for social intercourse and reaction. This suggestion might be enforced with many weighty arguments and considerations, but I will not trespass on your time and patience by introducing them here.

In the next place, bear with me when I say, that we have passed through another year,—its toils and hardships, as well as its joys and pleasures, and especially its precious opportunities of doing good unto all men, are past, never to be recalled. We are entering upon a new year with its unknown future. Now let us lay our plans for the year at once—devise liberate things—secure the co-operation of our councils and and members generally, not forgetting our modest sisters in the churches. Let us take a comprehensive view of what ought to be done. How many pious young men of talent and other necessary qualifications can we bring out for the ministry and what can we do to encourage and support them.

What can we do for Home Missions? What for Foreign Missions? What for the poor, and degraded, and ignorant and vicious among us and around us? What, in short, can we do that may correspond with our daily prayer "Thy Kingdom come."

Dear brethren, we have a great work to do, we have too, as I believe, hearts to do it, and we only fail, in many instances at least for want of systematic and timely efforts. If we begin at once, persevere in our efforts—with God's blessing we must succeed—otherwise we shall certainly fail.

With these remarks, made in all kindness, I close, most sincerely asking pardon if, during the last three sessions of our Synod or during the intervening time, I have in any instance really or seemingly grieved a single brother. May God's richest blessing rest upon us and our churches and may the Spirit guide us in our deliberations!

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

GOTTLIEB BASSLER.

KITTANNING, May 27th, 1859.

The report was received and made the first order of business for to-morrow morning.

Report of Committee No. 3.

The document given into the hands of your committee consist of the Minutes of sister Synods.

No. 1. Are the proceedings of the 21st and 22d session of the English Ev. Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of Ohio and adjacent states.—Their delegate to this body is Rev. D. Sparks.

No. 2. Are the proceedings of the 12th convention of the Wittenberg Synod. On page 18 we find a resolution declaring as "anti-Lutheran, the practice of Elders and Deacons distributing the elements of the Lord's Supper instead of the Pastors," and *whereas* in the formula of our church it is made one of the duties of Deacons to assist the pastor in the administration of the Eucharist, and *whereas* these words are capable of misapprehension, therefore we would offer the following resolution:—That the proper assistance which can be rendered, by the deacons or any officer of the church other than pastors, is that connected with the outward preparation for the Supper, and the general provision that all things connected with it should be done decently and in order—but, by no means, nor in any case is to be extended to the distribution of the elements or any other distinctive sacramental act.

No. 3. Are the proceedings of the 23d convention of the East Ohio Synod. Their delegate to this body is Rev. Thomas Hill.

No. 4. Are the proceedings of the 34th annual convention of the Synod of West Pennsylvania.

No. 5. The proceedings of the 4th annual convention of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania.

No. 6. The proceedings of the 17th convention of the Alleghany Synod. Their delegate to this body is Rev. C. Nitterrour.

Your committee find nothing in these minutes relating to this body farther than the above mentioned items.

G. GAUMER,
A. WEILLS,
PHILIP KRIBBS.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by bro. Bassler.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8½ *o'clock.*

The Synod was opened with prayer by bro. Earhart. After the usual devotional exercises the minutes of the last session were read, amended and approved.

The President's report was now taken up and considered seriatim.

Items in reference to bros. Gerndt and Kaessman were referred to the Ministerium.

Item containing the request of St. John's church, Erie, for a supply, referred to the time of considering vacant congregations.

The congregation in Logan tp., C. W., referred to the subject of vacant congregations.

Item concerning a ministerial interference, referred to the Northern Conference, with instructions to the Secretary to inform bro. Nuner of the action of Synod.

Item concerning preamble and resolutions of the Northern Conference, referred to the time for the consideration of vacant congregations.

Item in reference to certain reports concerning Rev. J. A. Nuner, referred to the Northern Conference for examination, with instructions to report at the next meeting of Synod, and bro. Bassler was kindly requested to meet with the Northern Conference, at its session on the 16th of August.

Item referring to a letter from bro. Long, Missionary in India was adopted, and the letter was read before Synod. It was then

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with pleasure, the letter of bro. A. Long, one of our missionaries in India, and that we received the encouraging account of success in our foreign field with sentiments of deep gratitude to the Almighty; and that we feel called of God to increased diligence in the work of Foreign Missions. The report was adopted as a whole.

Revs. M. Schweigert, W. S. Emery and Philip Bentel were appointed a committee on leave of absence.

Adjourned with prayer by the President.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 8½ *o'clock.*

Opened with prayer by bro. Kuhns. After the devotional exercises, the minutes were read, amended and approved.

The committee on leave of absence reported the names of the following persons, to whom leave of absence had been granted: Rev. D. Garver, Joseph Earhart, Lewis Kim, Philip Lenhart and Jackson Helffrich.

Rev. Mr. McCarty, of the M. E. Church, was received as an advisory member.

Report of Committee No. 1.

Committee No. 1, respectfully report, that the document entrusted to them is the minutes of the proceedings of the Middle Conference. These brethren are engaged with commendable zeal in the cause of our common Redeemer. Nothing is contained in this document requiring synodical action.

Respectfully submitted,

A. YETTER,
W. S. EMERY,
JOSEPH GRAFF.

Adopted.

Committee No. 2.

Committee No. 2, would respectfully report on minutes of Synods given into its hands.

The minutes of the 29th convention of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Virginia; the fourth annual convention of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Northern Indiana; the sixty-third session of the Ev. Luth. Ministerium of New York; the fifty-fourth convention of the Ev. Luth. Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina; the seventieth session of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Western Virginia; the fourth meeting of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Mississippi.

Your committee finds nothing in the minutes of these Synods particularly claiming our attention.

D. EARHART,
C. S. BIEGHLEY,
J. S. LAWSON.

Adopted.

Committee No. 4.

Your committee, to whom was referred the proceedings of the Southern Conference of our Synod, would report that they have examined the document and find one item of business claiming the attention of Synod, viz:—That they pray Synod seriously to consider the propriety of abandoning the present conference system, and instead thereof to provide for semi-annual meetings of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BROWN,
S. B. LAWSON,
M. B. HARTZEL.

The report was received, and in reference to the prayer of the Southern Conference, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of one from each Conference be appointed to report at the next meeting of Synod, on the Conference system, with special reference to the question of abolishing it, and substituting for it semi-annual sessions of Synod, or, if the Conference system be retained, to suggest means by which more efficiency can be given to it.

The following brethren constitute this committee: C. P. Krauth, G. Bassler, H. Weicksel, J. Fishburn.

Rev. Dr. Dick, of the United Presbyterian church, was received as an advisory member.

Committee No. 5.

The committee to whom was referred a communication of this body signed by George Kribbs and John Bower, of Clarion County, respectfully report, that the attention of Synod is earnestly directed by these brethren to the importance of establishing a good Academy under the control of Synod, at some central point in the bounds of the Northern Conference, and at the same time offering liberal inducements to locate it in the vicinity of Salem Church, Clarion County. As this subject is now brought to the attention of the Synod for the first time, your committee recommend the following action:

1st. *Resolved*, That this Synod regards the establishment of a good Academy under its supervision, at a suitable location in the Northern Conference, as highly desirable and necessary to the proper education of the sons and daughters of our people.

2d. *Resolved*, That a committee of three persons be appointed, who shall receive all proposals which may be made by churches and communities for the location of such an Institution, and after a personal examination of the different sites, shall report to the Synod, at its next session, the one which in their judgment presents the most advantages.

3d. *Resolved*, That immediately after its location the Synod shall proceed to the election of twelve Trustees, to whom shall be entrusted all the interests of the Institution, but to whom no authority shall be delegated to make debts or contract pecuniary obligations for this body.

W. A. PASSAVANT,
W. B. BACHTELL,
PHILIP KRIBBS.

The Report was adopted and the following committee announced: G. Bassler, W. B. Bachtell, and Capt. George Kribbs.

Committee No. 6.

Committee No. 6, would respectfully report, that the document placed into their hands is

The minutes of the Northern Conference.

In examining these minutes, your committee find that the brethren composing the Northern Conference, held two meetings during the past year, and have been actively engaged in promoting the Master's cause, and endeavoring to elevate the standard of morality and education.

Your committee find the following important resolution: "Resolved, That lager-beer and fermented cider are intoxicating drinks, and that indulgence in them leads to drunkenness."

Upon this subject your committee propose the following: Resolved, That the above resolution expresses the sentiments of this Synod, and that we consider the use or sale of them as a beverage, and of all other intoxicating drinks, whether made in the home or the manufactory, as inconsistent with christian and especially with ministerial character.

I. A. DELO,
J. WRIGHT,
J. EARHART.

After a protracted discussion of this resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas.—F. Ruthrauff, G. F. Ehrenfield, Krauth, S. B. Lawson, Emery, A. C. Ehrenfield, Earhart, Fishburn, Weicksel, Schweigert, Kuhns, Welfley, Melhorn, Gaumer, Reck, Bachtell, J. A. Delo, Brown, Wright, Ulery, Singer, Isaiah Delo, Bitz, Rhoads, Kleckner, Woods, Huff, Kribbs, Hartzell. *Nays.*—Weills, Rechenberg, Young, Bassler, Passavant, Zimmerman, Berkemeir, Waters, Brecht, J. S. Lawson, Gilbert Haengerer, Thomas, Amen, Bentel, Rider, Lutz, Schreckengost, Hill, Bieghley, Meyer.

The report was accepted as a whole.

Adjourned with prayer by brother A. C. Ehrenfield.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 8½ *o'clock.*

Opened with prayer by brother Singer.

After the devotional exercises, the minutes were read and approved. The following Mission Committee was announced:

C. F. W. Rechenberg, Canada Conference; H. Weiksel, Northern Conference; G. Bassler, Middle Conference; W. F. Ulery, Southern Conference.

The committee announced the names of the following persons to whom leave of absence was granted:

Revs. Robert Neuman, A. Yetter and brother H. W. Roth.

Rev. Samuel Aughey, of the East Pennsylvania Synod, was received as an advisory member.

Committee No. 8 reported.

Your committee would respectfully report, that the communication handed to them is a letter from Rev. father Reichert, in which he states his reason for his present journey to his fatherland, and regrets his inability to meet with us. He expresses a great desire to have his two congregations supplied, during the time of his absence, and gives a report of his charge.—The sum of $13.31 is handed over from his congregations to the cause of missions, which has been paid to the treasurer. He also asks a heavenly benediction upon all the brethren of this Synod, and requests to be remembered by them in their prayers.

Your committee move, that the prayers of father Reichert be granted, and that the neighboring German brethren be kindly requested to supply the congregations under his care with the Gospel until August, the time set for his return.

Respectfully submitted,

H. WEICKSEL,
F. ZIMMERMAN,
PHILIP BENTEL.

Adopted.

Committee No. 9

Would report, that the papers placed in their hands are three letters.

1st. From Rev. C. Nitterauer, delegate from the Alleghany Lutheran Synod to this body.

2d. From Rev. D. Sparks, delegate to the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

3d. From the Rev. T. Hill, from the East Ohio Synod.

These brethren regret their inability to meet with us, and assure us of the kindly feelings of their respective Synods. Your committee recommend the appointment of delegates to the above mentioned Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. RUTHRAUFF,
A. C. EHRENFELD,
J. HELFFRICH.

Adopted.

Committee No. 10,

To whom have been entrusted the proceedings of the last session of this body, report:

1st. On page 13 we find a resolution that collections for the Church-extension Society be taken up about the 31st of October.

2d. On page 20 is a resolution that the constitution of the Synod be printed in the German language for the benefit of German Congregations.

3d. On page 29 is a resolution, that the Secretary of our Synodical Home Missionary Society annually transmit a report to be incorporated in that of the General Society. Have these matters received the proper attention?

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL GARVER,
W. S. EMERY,
ISAAC HUFF.

In reference to item 1st, some of the brethren reported collections, whilst others for various reasons could not comply with the recommendation of Synod.

In reference to item 2d, the committee reported, that they have made a translation of the English copy of the Constitution recommended to churches. In reference to this item it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to make such unessential changes as are necessary.

In reference to item 3d, the Secretary reported, That the matter had not yet been attended to, but would in time for insertion in the minutes of the General Synod.

The report was adopted.

Committee No. 11.

Your committee, to whom was entrusted the Protocol of Synod, respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the record and found the proceedings of the last annual Convention of this body accurately and very neatly transcribed by our efficient Secretary, and would therefore move, that in accordance with the precedent of former years, an appropriation of ten dollars be voted him from the Synodical treasury for this labor.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. KUHNS,
ISRAEL HILL.

Committee No. 12.

The documents in the hands of your committee, are:

Item 1st. A letter from Rev. C. A. Brockman, dated Erie, May 21st, in which, for reasons partially known to the President, he regrets his inability to be present at this Synod and kindly requests to be excused. Your committee move that he be excused.

Item 2nd. A memorial from the German Ev. Lutheran St. Peter's church in East Liberty, Allegheny county, Pa., stating that said church has adopted the Constitution recommended by Synod for churches, excepting a few unessential points, and desire to be received into regular

connection with this Synod. Further, on account of their present needy circumstances, they pray Synod for a moderate appropriation, sincerely trusting that by God's blessing this will not be long required. In reference to the first part of their request, your committee move that they be received into connection with this Synod. The second part of their request was referred to the attention of the Mission Committee.

Item 3d. A letter from the Rev. E. Wurster, dated Preston, C. W., May 9th, in which he presents the want of funds and the general scarcity of money as the reason for non-attendance at this Convention of Synod, and kindly requests to be excused. Moved that he be excused.

In the close of his letter he states that an appropriation of about $30 would be quite acceptable for the coming year; if however, the state of the mission treasury would not justify such an appropriation, he would endeavor to get along without it. Moved that this matter be referred to the Mission Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

F. ZIMMERMAN,
J. A. HENGERER,
L. KIM.

The report was received.

Item 1st was adopted.

Item 2nd, first part adopted and 2nd part referred to the Mission Committee.

Item 3d referred to the Mission Committee.

Adopted as a whole.

Adjourned to meet at 1½ o'clock, P. M. Prayer by bro. Brecht.

TUESDAY, 1½ *o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. Opened with prayer by brother McCron. The minutes of morning session read, amended and approved.

Report of Committee No. 13.

Your committee, to whom was entrusted a letter and a transcript of the Constitutions of Salem's congregation in Fairview township, and of the St. Peter's congregation of Mill-creek township, Erie co., Pa., respectfully report.

The letter is from brother C. A. Brockman, also in reference to these congregations. Your committee, after examining said Constitutions, find them in accordance with Constitutions generally, and: if observed, conducing to the furtherance of the Gospel and the peace of the church.

These congregations request an admission into this Synod, and to be supplied speedily with a pastor from this body.

The letter of brother Brockman states that the St. Peter's church consists of about 20 families, and Salem's of from 12 to 16, with the prospects of additions to both. They also promise from $150 to $200 salary.

Your committee would recommend the following:

Resolved, That these congregations be received as integral parts of this Synodical body.

Resolved, That their supply be considered when the subject of vacant congregations comes properly before Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. EHRENFIELD,
J. G. YOUNG.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Young.

SEVENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 4½ *o'clock*.

The Synod was convened immediately after the Ministerium. The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, reported:

Report of the Auditing Committee.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the last Synodical year, report that they have examined his account and found all correct. The following is the condition of the Treasury:

Home Missions.

Amount received,.....	$899 63
Amount paid out,.....	639 99

Foreign Missions.

Amount received,.....	$157 73
Amount paid out,.....	157 73

Education Fund.

Amount received,.....	$678 26
Amount paid out,.....	325 00

Synodical Fund.

Amount received,.....	$190 67
Amount paid out,.....	213 37

Widows' Fund.

Amount on hand from last year,.....	$118 52

Amount loaned by order of Synod,.....	84 00	
Total receipts.....		$2044 81
Total disbursements,.....		1420 09
Balance on hand,.....		$624 72

Respectfully submitted.

PHILIP BENTEL,
W. F. ULERY.

Committee No. 7.

Your committee would respectfully report on the documents committed to them, as follows:

No. 1. Is a petition signed by fourteen citizens of Shippenville, praying Synod to assist them to establish a select school, as they say that they have no advantages of such an education as they believe important through a large scope of country around them.

No. 2. Is a petition signed by a large number of the members of the Shippenville church, respectfully asking Synod to ratify and confirm the proceedings of a certain Convention at which the Shippenville congregation was connected with the Salem charge.

No. 3. On the other hand, is a memorial signed by the church Councils of the St. John's, Amity and Calvary churches of the State Road charge, wherein they remonstrate against the separation of the Shippenville congregation from their charge.

Your committee would suggest the following fact: 1st. The Shippenville congregation has for a number of years been in regular connection with the State Road charge. In view of this fact, your committee would propose the following:

Resolved, That the Councils of the Salem and State Road charges—and also the Council of the Shippenville congregation hold a Convention in the most convenient location, and that brother Bachtell be requested to meet with them, that they may, in a christian spirit, settle this difficulty among themselves.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GOTTLIEB BASSLER,
S. B. LAWSON,
PHILIP KRIBBS.

The report was received, and in reference to item 1st, it was

Resolved, That inasmuch as this subject has already been referred to in the report of the committee No. 5, no further action is necessary.

The subject of item 2nd was referred to the Northern Conference, and it was recommended that the Councils of

the Salem and State Road charges meet together at the time and place of the next meeting of Conference, for consultation. The report was then adopted as a whole.

Committee No. 18.

Your committee respectfully report that in the documents given into their hands we find,

1. A petition from the German Lutheran church of Logan, C. W., praying Synod to send them a minister, and also asking assistance in his support.

2. A letter from the Rev. J. A. Nuner, of Franklin, Pa., in which he states his reasons for his non-attendance at the meeting of this Synod to be sickness in his family, lameness of his horse, want of money, &c. Your committee move that, whereas, the reasons of this brother for non-attendance are not satisfactory, therefore

Resolved, That he be not excused.

3. Brother Nuner sends one dollar in his letter, but does not say to what object he wishes it applied.

4. The brother also reports four vacant congregations, which your committee believe are congregations which were in connection with the Franklin charge, and which he has recently dropped. If such be the case, your committee consider it a very irregular way of procedure, and therefore call the attention of Synod to this matter.

C. F. W. RECHENBERG,
W. B. BACHTELL,
M. B. HARTZELL.

The report was received and the following action taken:

Item 1, referred to Mission Committee.

" 2, Adopted.

" 3, Adopted and money appropriated to the Synodical Treasury.

Item 4, Disposed of in the President's report.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

Parochial Reports. It was resolved that the reading of the Parochial Reports be dispensed with.

Vacant Congregations.

The following vacancies were reported, and provision made for their supply:

1. Christ's church. Referred to the Mission Committee.
2. St. John's, Erie. Referred to Northern Conference.

3. St. Peter's in Millcreek township, and Salem, in Fairview township. Referred to the Mission Committee.

4. Bethel congregation. Supplied by brother Wright.

5. Licking charge, Clarion. Referred to the neighboring brethren for supply.

6. Ev. Luth. congregation, Hay township, C. W. Referred to Mission Committee.

7. Mt. Zion's church, New Lebanon. Referred to brother Isaiah Delo.

8. Other congregations belonging to the State Road charge. Referred to the Northern Conference, with the request that the neighboring brethren supply them, if possible, at least once before the meeting of Conference.

9. Mt. Pisgah. Supplied by brother Bachtell until Oct.

Mission Business.

The Synod now proceeded to the consideration of Mission business.

Report of the Missionary President of the Pittsburg Synod.

I. BUTLER ENGLISH MISSION.—*Rev. A. H. Waters, Missionary.*—The congregation in Butler, notwithstanding the loss of several persons and the removal of others, enjoys an encouraging degree of prosperity, and now numbers fifty communicant members. The last communion season was an unusually interesting one, and there are good prospects of permanent and valuable accessions to the church during the coming year.

The congregation at Prospect continues to manifest a healthful growth. Six young persons have been confirmed, and two have been received by certificate. An interesting prayer-meeting has been kept up for some months. The attendance and attention have been good, and there is reason to believe that there will be a considerable increase in the membership both from the class now receiving instruction and from other sources. A new and handsome church bell has recently been purchased at a cost of $175.

At St. John's, an interesting class of twelve young persons has been confirmed, and another class is now being formed. If this congregation could have more frequent services, there would doubtless be a more marked spiritual improvement. In the small English congregation at Hannahstown, there is nothiug of special interest to report. Two have been received by baptism and three by certificate.

As this Mission will now be able to support its pastor, it bids a grateful farewell to the Home Missionary Society. The contributions for Missions and Education from this Mission for several years, have exceeded the amount annually appropriated to it from our Home Missionary Society, which is a most cheering assurance that they gratefully appreciate the fostering care of this Synod.

II. KITTANNING ENGLISH MISSION.—*Supplied under the direction of the Missionary President.*—The brethren of this Synod have before them gratifying evidences of the prosperity of this Mission. This edifice, in which we are now convened, had been purchased already at our former meeting. After having undergone thorough repairs, it was re-consecrated to the service of Jehovah in the month of August last. The Missionary President finding it wholly impossible, with existing duties, to attend to the stated supply of this Mission, obtained the services of brother J. S. Lawson as a regular supply, until this convention of Synod. Brother L. preached the word faithfully, and also instructed a class of twelve catechumens, of whom eight have just been received into the communion of this church. The attendance has been uniformly good. The Lord's Supper was twice administered, on which occasions fourteen persons were added to the church, and there are yet others who contemplate, ere long, to unite with this Mission Church.

An English organization, separate from the German, was effected last Fall, and a Church Council was elected and duly installed. The Sunday School connected with this Mission continues to prosper under the care of an efficient superintendent. The parochial report will exhibit the contributions to the various benevolent objects of the Church. In view of the divine blessing on this enterprise, we are both grateful and encouraged. Up to the present time, the way did not seem open to take some adjacent congregations into connection, neither has the M. P. been able to obtain a special laborer for this field. We, however, now confidently believe that the dawn of success is breaking upon us, and we hope soon to secure the services of a brother, who will take regular charge of this Mission in connection with several vacant congregations in this vicinity. In this event, it will be necessary to continue the appropriation of Synod.

III. MEADVILLE GERMAN MISSION.—*Vacant.*—We deeply regret to state that we have been wholly unsuccessful in our efforts to obtain a laborer for this field. We wrote to several of our German brethren to visit this Mission and to encourage the members to remain faithful. In answer to our appeal, brother Brecht visited them once; but after a vacancy of several months, we noticed in one of our Church papers that the Rev. Mr. Bierdeman, of the Ohio Synod, had taken charge of the Meadville congregation.

IV. ALLEGHANY CITY GERMAN MISSION.—*Vacant.*—Shortly after the last convention of this Synod, this Mission extended a call to a German brother, who, however, for reasons satisfactory to the Missionary President, did not accept of the call. No efforts were spared to obtain another laborer, but without success; and after remaining vacant for a time, the members met and resolved to suspend public services for the present. We are sorely pained when we remember the large field before our Church in this city among the Germans, and see only one congregation and their house of worship crowded to overflowing.

V. TIONESTA MISSION.—*Vacant.*—Immediately after the meeting of Synod last year we recommended brother J. Singer to this mission, who visited this field and spent several weeks there, but as the congregations were not able, even with the appropriation of Synod, to raise an adequate support, he could not feel it his duty to remain. Early this spring we recommended the Rev. D. Sparks, who also visited them, but as some of the congregations, which it was deemed necessary to unite with this mission, were unwilling to enter into such a union, no call could be extended to him. Forest is a sparsely settled region, and it will be an arduous work to build up our Church in that county.

VI. MONONGAHELA MISSION.—*Vacant.*—This mission was laid out one year ago, and the Rev. H. Braschler appointed as missionary, who labored for six months with encouraging success, although he had many difficulties to contend with. We deeply regret to state that he resigned this mission, and accepted a call to some German churches in the State of Indiana, to which place he removed in January last. Being vacant, the people at Dravosburg, which was the centre of this mission, soon became discouraged and accepted of the services of a rationalist who also preached at McKeesport. We mourn the want of a missionary for the numerous settlements of Germans on the Monongahela river, especially in the region of the coal works.

VII. TORONTO CITY GERMAN MISSION, C. W.—*Rev. C. F. W. Rechenberg, Missionary.*—The success of this mission is necessarily slow, and the work of building up a self-sustaining church among the Germans in this metropolis is no ordinary one. A part of the German population is of a floating character, and the enormous cost of living in this city has compelled many of our German people to move to other parts of Canada West, and also to the United States. This mission has consequently sustained a heavy loss during the past year. Sixteen persons have been received into the communion of the church, which just equals the loss by removals. The interest of our Zion and the welfare of the hundreds of Germans who, on their way from the Fatherland, tarry for a year or two in this city, render it imperatively necessary for us to sustain this mission even at an unusual expense to our Home Missionary Society.

There is yet an embarrassing debt upon the edifice which both the pastor and members have labored hard to remove. The work of collecting funds amid the depressions in monetary matters has been a most arduous one and we cherish the earnest hope that those churches which are more favored will speedily help this struggling mission.

VIII. HAMILTON CITY GERMAN MISSION, C. W.—*Vacant.*—This mission, which was laid out one year ago, is yet vacant. As all our efforts to obtain a missionary for this place have been unsuccessful, the Rev. C. F. W. Rechenberg has continued to supply them regularly during the year; this has been attended with no ordinary labor and sacrifice on the part of brother R., and God has not withheld his blessing. The bitter prejudices cherished by many against evangelical ministers are dying out, and a growing confidence in the ministry is being felt. At a recent communion forty-five persons partook of the Holy Supper, and three adults were confirmed. There are some forty others, who, it is hoped, will ere long also unite with the church. If business were not almost entirely suspended the German population of this city would rapidly increase. The religious complexion of these Germans differs so widely that it will require great prudence to unite them in one congregation. It is earnestly hoped that a judicious and faithful laborer may be speedily obtained for this mission. As yet, no house of worship has been secured.

IX. PRESTON GERMAN MISSION, C. W—*Rev. E. Wurster, Missionary.*—This mission has continued to enjoy an encouraging degree of prosperity. In Preston the missionary preaches every Lord's day morning, and immediately after public service instructs a class of catechumens. The parents and children are invited to be present, who also may thus be profited by the exercise. Notwithstanding a prevailing lukewarmness and worldliness in the community, the attendance on public worship has been quite good. Twenty-two persons have been received by confirmation, which now swells the membership to one hundred and fifty communicants. Seventy-eight infant baptisms have been performed. The congregation in Strasburg has suffered considerably from removals. Forty communicants are reported; six have been received by confirmation. Roseville has been regularly received into this charge, and is served every two weeks in the afternoon. Divisions and factions greatly retard the success of the church in this place. The missionary, however, feels encouraged, and generally has full and attentive audiences. There are fifty members—three have been added by confirmation, and seventeen infants have been baptized. In view of the strength which this mission has now acquired, further appropriation will not be necessary.

X. NEW HAMBURG MISSION, C. W.—*Rev. L. H. Gerndt, Missionary.*—This mission, after a long vacancy, from which it has suffered

very severely, has again been happily supplied by the faithful services of the Rev. L. H. Gerndt, who for eight years had been a missionary in East India. Owing to the loss which the congregation in Hamburg had sustained, it became quite apparent that it would be utterly impossible for them to support the missionary, even with the appropriation from Synod. And inasmuch as the congregation in Petersburg seemed to be in a hopeless condition, the Councils of the Mannheim and New Dundee churches met in February last, with the Council of the church in New Hamburg, to consider the propriety of forming a new charge. A union of these churches was effected, but owing to the depression in business and money matters, they were yet unable to afford the pastor a living support. It will be necessary, therefore, to make an appropriation from the Home Mission Treasury, and also to change the name of this mission, which will consist of New Hamburg, Mannheim and New Dundee.

Trinity Church, New Hamburg, numbers eighty communicants, thirteen of whom have been recently received by confirmation. A debt of $200 rests upon the church edifice, and seems greatly to retard the prosperity of this congregation.

Mannheim is the most prosperous congregation in this mission, the house is generally filled with hearers, and the preaching of the word seems not to be in vain. Nine persons have been added to the membership by confirmation, which now numbers about one hundred.

New Dundee.—A new organization is about to be effected at this point, and some forty persons have expressed a desire to enter into it. A council was elected which should also serve as Trustees for the present. It is designed to erect a house of worship this summer, toward which object the sum of $166 has been contributed as a free-will offering, besides lumber and other building materials.

There are other important fields in Canada West, where missions should be established at once, which it is confidently believed would soon become self-sustaining charges. Among other places we would mention Logan and Hay townships, earnestly hoping that this Synod will do what it can for the supply of these destitutions.

H. RECK.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the brethren of Synod be kindly and earnestly requested to adopt some more efficient measures to increase our contribution for Missionary, Education and other benevolent objects.

After some statements from brother Huff, in reference to the organization of a new church in Tarentum, it was

Resolved, That the interests of this church and congre-

gations connected with it, be referred to the favorable notice of the Mission Committee.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at 8½ o'clock.

Adjourned. Prayer by brother Bassler.

EIGHTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8½ *o'clock.*

Opened with prayer by brother Isaiah Delo. The minutes were read, amended and approved.

The committee on leave of absence reported Rev. J. A. Delo, Rev. J. Fishburn, Rev. J. S. Lawson, Mosheim Rhoads, Israel Hill, Philip Bentel and M. Rider as having obtained leave of absence; and Rev. F. Zimmerman, Rev. C. W. Brecht and Wm. Lutz as having left without leave.

It was moved, That the course of the committee be sustained.

The subject of Missions was again resumed.

The Mission Committee reported.

The following is an abstract of the proceedings of the committee as approved by Synod:

Abstract of Proceedings of the Mission Committee.

1. Toronto German Mission, C. W.—Rev. C. F. W. Rechenberg, re-appointed; $200 voted to it. (Approved.)

2. Preston German Mission, C. W.—Transferred to the list of pastorates. (Approved.)

3. Wilmot German Mission, C. W.—Rev. L. H. Gerndt, re-appointed; $100 voted to it. (Approved.)

4. Logan Mission, C. W.—A new mission laid out. Rev. H. L. Hochn, appointed; $75 voted for his support and $25 for traveling expenses. (Approved.)

5. Petersburg Mission, C. W. Discontinued. (Approved.)

6. Butler English Mission.—In view of the strength and efficiency which this mission has now attained, it was transferred to the list of pastorates. (Approved.)

7. Meadville German Mission.—*Resolved*, That as the

principal congregation of this mission has been supplied by a neighboring minister, no supply can be made for it at present. (Approved.)

8. Monongahela German Mission.—Discontinued. (Approved.)

9. Allegheny City German Mission. $200 voted to it, provided a special laborer be secured; the appointment of the laborer to be left with the Missionary President. (Approved.)

10. Hamilton City German Mission, C. W., Mission continued with an appropriation of $200, provided a special laborer be obtained, and in the event that no laborer be secured, $50 of this appropriation to be used for supplies. (Approved.)

11. Huron Mission, C. W. A new mission, supply left with the Missionary President, with an appropriation not exceeding $100. (Approved.)

12. Fort Wayne English Mission. A new mission, Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff, Missionary. $100 voted to it. (Approved.)

13. Kittanning English Mission. Supply left with the Missionary President, and $100 voted to it, provided a settled missionary can be secured. (Approved.)

14. East Liberty and Lawrenceville Mission. A new mission, $100 voted to it, and its supply left with the Missionary President. (Approved.)

15. Wheeling. *Resolved*, That Wheeling be again transferred to the list of missions, and that the sum of $100 be appropriated. (Approved.)

16. Tarentum Mission. A new mission, Rev. A. C. Ehrenfield, Missionary. $75 voted. (Approved.)

17. Tionesta Mission. Supply left with the Missionary President, and $50 voted to it. (Approved.)

18. Lake Shore Mission. *Moved*, That a mission be formed in Erie county, called the Lake Shore Mission, to embrace St. Peter's church in Mill Creek tp., and Salem church in Fairview tp., and its supply be left in the hands of the Missionary President with an appropriation.

Moved, That the sum of $50 be appropriated to the Ger-

man congregation in Tarentum to aid them in the support of their pastor.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

Education Business.

Report of the Chairman of the Education Committee:

The Chairman of the Education Committee would respectfully report:

1. The application of Mr. Lewis Troutman, referred to the committee by the Synod, was favorably received, as it came with all the Constitutional requirements.

Mr. T. has been at Connoquenessing Academy. His character bills testify favorably both to his progress in his studies and to his conduct.

2. Mr. S. J. Berlin graduated in Sept. 1858, and has since been pursuing his Theological studies at Gettysburg. As the Synod had only made provision in his case for the Summer, it became necessary for the committee to decide how much should be appropriated for the Winter, and although they would gladly have appropriated $80, which was asked, they did not feel that they could constitutionally go beyond the usual ratio of $60 for the Winter.

3. The character bills of Mr. J. Q. Waters testify favorably to his progress in study and his good conduct. He is in the Junior Class at Pennsylvania College.

4. A letter was received, dated October 23d, 1858, from Mr. A. L. Mäsche, in which he withdraws from our care. The ground on which he bases his withdrawal is his unwillingness to go to Gettysburg, or to have fellowship with a body in connection with the General Synod. Mr. M. proposes to pursue his studies with a view to the Lutheran Ministry, at St. Louis or Fort Wayne. As the case is an extraordinary one, not clearly provided for by our Constitution, and presents various points of difficulty, the committee have taken no step whatever in the case, especially on the question whether, in a case like the present, the beneficiary is under obligation to return at once the money that has been advanced him.

5. Shortly after the adjournment of Synod, an informal inquiry as to the state of the Education funds, was addressed to the chairman of the committee, by Rev. S. B. Lawson, in behalf of Mr. Daniel P. Hosterman. The absence of the chairman for two months from home led to the overlooking of the letter of Mr. Lawson. In his judgment, however, had there even been a constitutional application, the fact that it would have been made so soon after the meeting of Synod, would have rendered it doubtful whether the committee ought to act upon it.

6. The correspondence of the year will be found chronologically arranged, with the papers pertaining to this branch of our Synodical business.

CHARLES P. KRAUTH,
Chairman of the Ex. Com. of the Education Society.

The report was received and adopted seriatim.

In reference to the 4th item it was

Resolved, That we regard the course of brother Maesche as hasty, and the ground of his withdrawal as insufficient; but nevertheless, in view of his design of continuing his studies for the Lutheran ministry, we do not demand of him the refunding of the sum advanced.

The following appropriations were made:

1. *Resolved*, That $100 be appropriated to brother Lewis Troutman.

2. *Resolved*, That the action of the committee be sustained.

3. " That $75 be appropriated to brother J. Q. Waters.

Moved, that the application of brother Alexander Kuss be referred to the Education Committee.

Resolved, That brother Frank Richards be received on the funds of the Education Society, with an appropriation of $100, so soon as he shall have complied with the requirements of the Constitution.

Resolved, That Synod cordially recommend brother G. A. Potts to the Education Committee, to be received on the funds of the Society so soon as he shall have complied with the requirements of the Constitution, and that the sum of $100 be appropriated to him.

Resolved, That the old Education Committee of the past year—with the exception of brother Emery, be continued, and that brother Frederick Ruthrauff be appointed in the place of brother Emery.

Promiscuous Business.

Resolved, That we recommend to each of our churches to take up an annual collection for the African Mission, and transmit the same to the treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod.

Resolved, That the column for volumes in the Sunday School library, in the parochial report, be dropped, and that one for the African Mission be substituted.

The following resolutions were presented by brother Israel Hill, in behalf of the Lutheran congregation at Appollo:

Resolved, That we, the Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Appollo, pray the Pittsburg Synod, at its next meeting, through the delegate from this pastoral district, to be received into its connection as an integral part of the same.

Resolved, Also, that for the present, we adopt for our government the formula contained in the General Synod's Hymn Book.

Adopted.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, a committee consisting of one from each Conference District has been appointed to report on the propriety of semi-annual meetings of Synods. Therefore,

Resolved, That each Conference be called upon to express their will on the subject, and that the committee be instructed to report accordingly.

Examining Committee.

The President appointed the following Examining Committee:

1. Personal Piety, Motives for Seeking the Gospel Ministry, and evidences of Christianity—A. Weills and W. Berkemeier.

2. Greek and Hebrew Scriptures and Exegesis—C. P. Krauth and D. Garver.

3. Natural and Revealed Theology—C. P. Krauth and C. F. W. Rechenberg.

4. Church History and Church Government.—D. Earhart and G. F. Ehrenfield.

5. Pastoral Theology and Rules of Sermonizing—J. K. Melhorn and W. F. Ulery.

Delegates to other Synods.

1. *To the Allegheny Synod*—J. H. Brown.
2. *To the East Ohio Synod*—D. Garver.
3. *To the English Synod of Ohio*—W. P. Ruthrauff.
4. *To the Pennsylvania Synod*—C. P. Krauth, D. D.

Speakers for next Meeting of Synod.

Rev. Frederick Ruthrauff on Ordination.

Revs. W. A. Passavant and J. H. Brown on Home Missions.

Revs. C. P. Krauth and D. Garver on Education.

The Synod now proceeded to the choice of the time and place for holding the next meeting.

The last Wednesday of May, 1860, at 9 o'clock, A. M., was the time fixed upon, and Greensburg, Westmoreland co., Pa., the place selected. It was

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at the time and place above mentioned. On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to publish the Constitution of this Synod, with the alterations and amendments up to this time—also the Constitution of the Home Mission and Education Societies of this Synod.

Amended, that the doctrinal articles of the Augsburg Confession be published in the same connection.

Revs. C. P. Krauth and G. Bassler were appointed said committee. It was

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have the Minutes published wherever it can be done on the most favorable terms, and that he have 500 English and 300 German copies printed.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to the Pennsylvania Synod for the assistance rendered in the support of the Canada Missions.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to the relief of the Rev. J. B. Breckenridge, who has been disabled by sickness during the past year, and that this sum be borrowed from the Widows' Fund, with the request that it be replaced by collections from the brethren.

Resolved, That we return thanks to the officers of the Allegheny Valley Railroad for their kindness in bringing the members of Synod over the road at half fare.

Moved, that we now adjourn to meet as a Ministerium.

Prayer by brother Krauth.

A. H. WATERS,
Secretary.

Ministerium.

FIRST SESSION.

KITTANNING, ARMSTRONG COUNTY, PA.
May 26th, 1859, 2 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The first session of the Ministerium was opened with prayer by brother C. F. W. Rechenberg.

The papers handed in to the Ministerium were distributed to the following committees, viz:

Committee No. 1. Wm. Berkemeier, C. F. W. Rechenberg, J. Fishburn.
" " 2. L. M. Kuhns, W. F. Ulery, J. K. Melhorn.
" " 3. W. Berkemeier, C. P. Krauth, W. S. Emery.

On motion, brother C. F. A. Kaesman was admitted to an examination with a view of licensure.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Melhorn.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 *o'clock.*

Opened with prayer by brother J. Welfly.

On motion, brothers Henry Hoehn and C. D. Ulery were admitted to an examination with a view of licensure. Brother David McKee, of the Leechburg Academy, agreeably to his request, was permitted to make some statements before the Ministerium, in reference to an application for licensure. After some statements from brother McKee, it was

Resolved, That he be admitted to an examination, with a view of licensure.

Committee No. 2 Reported, viz:

The documents placed in the hands of Committee No. 2, are the Sermons, Journals and Certificates of licensure of brothers Jacob Singer and Isaiah Delo.

I. The documents of brother Singer, consist of one sermon, two sketches of sermons, his journal and certificate of licensure.

1. The sermon based upon Rom. 6: 22, is very well written, truly evangelical in its sentiments, and well calculated to do good.

2. The sketches on 1 Cor. 15: 58, and Deut. 30: 19, last clause, are systematic in their arrangement, instructive and practical in their character.

3. The journal of brother Singer, which seems to have been accurately kept, exhibits great diligence in the work of the ministry, and contains some interesting statements respecting his field of labor.

II. The papers of brother Delo, are two sermons, journal and certificate of licensure.

1. The sermons, one based upon Nahum 1: 7, and the other on 1 Peter, 3: 15, are sound in doctrine, and evidently prepared with great care. In some instances, however, there is not that clearness of expression which might be desirable.

2. From brother Delo's journal, we learn that he has been faithful in the service of the Master, and diligent in making full proof of his ministry.

Your committee rejoice in the progress of these brethren during the past year; and move a renewal of their licensure.

Respectfully submitted.

L. M. KUHNS,
W. F. ULERY,
J. K. MELHORN.

Adopted.

The examination of the candidates for licensure was now entered upon, and continued until the hour of adjournment.

Prayer by brother Zimmerman.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 4½ *o'clock.*

Opened with prayer by brother G. F. Ehrenfield. The minutes were read and approved. Committee No. 1 reported.

Committee No. 1.

The undersigned committee respectfully report, that the documents placed in their hands, are the following:

I. The papers of brother H. Gilbert, viz:

1. The certificate of his license.
2. Two written sermons.
3. Two manuscripts of extracts from church history.
4. His Journal.

5. A testimonial of his correct christian walk and Pastoral teaching.

These documents are all found to be very complete, from which your committee infers more than ordinary industry and qualification for this brother in his calling as a Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

II. The papers of brother J. A. Haengerer.

1. The certificate of his license.
2. Two manuscript sermons.
3. His Journal.
4. A certificate of his church Council favorable to his teaching and christian deportment.

These papers are very satisfactory, and manifest successful progress in study, and great efficiency as a faithful pastor. Your committee move that both these brethren be admitted to a Colloquium Theologium, with a view of ordination.

III. A testimonial in favor of C. F. A. Kaessman, from the Council of Trinity church, South Easthope county, C. W., in which they cheerfully testify that brother Kaessman has been a faithful Pastor since Oct. 1856.

Your committee move the consideration of their testimonial at the time when brother Kaessman's application for license is called up.

Respectfully submitted.

W. BERKEMEIER,
C. F. W. RECHENBERG,
J. FISHBURN.

Adopted.

Revs. C. P. Krauth, W. S. Emery, G. Bassler and W. Berkemeier were appointed a committee to hold the above mentioned Colloquium.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Berkemeier.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 *o'clock, P. M.*

Opened with prayer by brother W. P. Ruthrauff.

Minutes read and approved. The examination of candidates was taken up. After the examination was continued at some length, it was

Resolved, That the examination of brothers Gilbert and Haengerer be sustained, and that they be ordained.

Resolved, That the examination of brothers C. D. Ulery, David McKee, Henry Hoehn and C. F. A. Kaessman be sustained, and that they be licensed.

Adjourned with prayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 *o'clock, P. M.*

Opened with prayer by brother Young. Minutes read and approved.

Committee No. 3.

Committee No. 3 would report, that the paper given into their hands, are a certificate of license, together with a number of letters presenting favorable testimonials to the character and christian deportment of brother L. H. Gerndt, and setting forth that he was ordained by father Gossner, and labored for eight years as a missionary in India. During the rebellion of 1857, and the persecutions of the times, he was constrained to return to Europe, and on the advice of the Missionary Society of Berlin, he came to America. On his arrival in this country, he was received by the Ministerium of New York, by them licensed, and sent to Canada West, where he has labored in the bounds of our mission, in the Luth eran congregations in New Hamburg and Manheim, by the advice and consent of our President, Rev. G. Bassler. All these papers show an activity and efficiency of this brother in his calling as Pastor.

Your committee move that brother Gerndt be admitted to a Colloquium with a view to ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

W. BERKEMEIER,
C. P. KRAUTH,
W. S. EMERY.

Adopted.

The committee appointed to hold a Colloquium with brother L. H. Gerndt, with a view to ordination, report that they have had said Colloquium. Your committee move that brother Gerndt be ordained.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. KRAUTH,
W. S. EMERY,
G. BASSLER,
W. BERKEMEIER.

Adopted.

Moved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet immediately after public worship.

Adjourned with prayer by brother A. Weills.

SIXTH SESSION.

The Ministerium met after the Public exercises.

Opened with prayer by brother Gaumer.

The subject referred to the Ministerium in the President's report in reference to brother Zimmerman, was called up.

After remarks from several of the brethren, the Ministerium adjourned till to-morrow after the adjournment of Synod.

Prayer by brother F. Ruthrauff.

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Immediately after the adjournment of Synod, the Ministerium met, and proceeded to the transacting of several items of business, which, on motion, were not to be incorporated in the printed minutes, after which the Ministerium finally adjourned.

Prayer by the President.

A. H. WATERS,
Secretary.

Public Worship During the Meeting of Synod.

During the Sessions of Synod, public worship was held in the Lutheran, Presbyterian and Methodist churches in Kittanning and neighborhood, in which brethren of the Synod officiated.

On Sabbath morning the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated in the Presbyterian church, the use of which was kindly tendered, the Lutheran church being too small to accommodate the people. Rev. W. A. Passavant preached the Communion sermon, after which the members of Synod and the congregation celebrated the Holy Supper.

On Tuesday evening, Rev. C. P. Krauth, D. D., preached the Ordination Sermon, and brothers C. D. Ulery, David McKee, Henry Hoehn and C. F. A. Kaessman, were licensed

to preach the gospel and administer the Sacrament for one year; and Rev. H. Gilbert, J. A. Haengerer and L. H. Gerndt were solemnly ordained to the gospel ministry by the laying on of hands and prayer.

At the conclusion of these exercises, the thanks of Synod were returned to the officers of the Presbyterian church for their kindness in opening their beautiful and commodious church for the use of Synod, and to the citizens of Kittanning for their hospitality, by Rev. W. A. Passavant.

SECRETARY.

ANNIVERSARIES.

Home Missionary Society.

The exercises of the Home Missionary Society were held on Saturday evening, and were opened with the singing of a hymn and prayer. Addresses were delivered by the President, and Revs. Fishburn and Passavant. A collection was then lifted in the congregation, and the members paid in their annual contributions. A. H. Waters, H. Gilbert, S. B. Lawson, W. B. Bachtell, W. S. Emery, G. F. Ehrenfield, J. G. Young, M. Rhoads, A. Weills, M. B. Hartzel, J. H. Brown, F. Zimmerman, D. Earhart, H. W. Roth, H. Reck, Philip Kribbs, J. Welfly, J. S. Lawson, D. Garver, J. A. Delo, J. A. Haengerer, L. H. Gerndt, J. Fishburn, Israel Hill, G. Gaumer, J. A. Stewart, Mrs. Gaumer, H. Klingensmith, J. J. Helffrich, Benj. Thomas, C. A. Kaessman, A. Yetter, W. Eckhart, Philip Linhart, L. M. Kuhns, M. Schweigert, J. Steck, J. Kaster, Isaac Bitz, J. Singer, W. A. Passavant, W. F. Ulery, Wm. Shaffer, M. Rider, Geo. Kleckner, Martin Amen, J. K. Melhorn, J. Kahl, C. W. Brecht, Isaiah Delo, each $1.00; H. Weicksel, $1 50; G. Bassler, Peter Snyder, L. Trauger and Philip Bentel, each $2.00; Wm. Schreckengost, C. P. Krauth and A. C. Ehrenfield, each $1.00. Total from Synod, $61.50. From congregation, $10 38. Total from Synod and congregation, $71 88.

Education Society.

The exercises of the Anniversary of the Education Society were held on Monday evening, and were opened with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

Addresses were delivered by Revs. L. M. Kuhns and W. F. Ulery. After which the following contributions were made: From the congregation, $1.89. From members of the Synod: G. Bassler, W. S. Emery, L. M. Kuhns, M. Schweigert, H. Reck, G. Gaumer, H. Roth, M. Rhoads, H. Gilbert, C. F. A. Kaessman, L. Trauger, J. A. Haengerer, L. H. Gerndt, D. Earhart, W. F. Ulery, Isaiah Delo, J. K-Melhorn. J. A. Delo, P. Snyder, C. Bieghley, W. B. Bachtell, B. Thomas, H. Weicksel, I. Hill, C. D. Ulery, A. Yetter, J. Fishburn, J. G. Yonng, J. Wright, W. P. Ruthrauff. Wm. Shaffer, P. Kribbs, F. Zimmerman, George Kleckner, J. Singer, J. Welfly, Jacob Steck, M. B. Hartzel, John Williams, each $1.00; Wm. Lutz 25 cts. Total $40 25. Total from congregation and Synod, $42 14.

THE PITTSBURG SYNOD

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Account with

CHRISTIAN YEAGER, TREASURER.

Home Missions.

1858.				
Aug.	18.	Cash from D. W. Hill, to constitute his wife, Mrs. M. M. Hill, a life-member,		$10 00
Oct.	15.	Proceeds of Miss. Fest. at Zelienople, per Rev. Bassler,		41 21
"	19.	" " St. Michael's, per Rev. Earhart		38 75
Dec.	15.	Cash from Zion's church, $2 76, St. John's 91 cts. per Rev. G. F. Ehrenfeld		3 67
"	21.	-	Rev. Wm. Stroble, for life-membership	10 00
"	-	-	St. John's church, Erie, per Rev. Brockman	4 00
"	-	-	Samuel Ashbaugh, Freeport	1 50
1859.				
May	1.	-	Home Missisnary Soc. of Emmanuel's cong.	8 13
"	-	-	Pennsylvania Synod, for Canada Missions	250 00
"	-	-	Pleasant Union 7 60, Smithland 4 10, Tarentum, German 2 16, per Rev. Schweigert	13 86
"	-	-	L. Trauger, Greensburg	5 00
"	28.	-	Canton church, per Rev. Garver	12 00
"	-	-	Forks' German part, per Rev. Reichert	8 31
"	-	-	Warren church, per Rev. Weiksel	10 00
"	-	-	Bethlehem 1 77, Emmanuel's 1, St. Paul's 1, Emerick's 1, per Rev. Young	4 77
"	-	-	2d German Lutheran church, Pittsburg, per Rev. Neuman	14 53
"	-	-	Jacobs' 20, St. John's 13, Mt. Zion's 9, Bethel 2, per Rev. Melhorn	44 00
"	-	-	Butler 17 11, Prospect 30, per Rev. Waters	47 11
"	-	-	Rev. S. B. Lawson's charge	5 00
"	-	-	Rev. G. F. Ehrenfeld's charge, add	3 86
"	-	-	Freeport 10, St. Matthew's 4, Clinton 2, all per Rev. Wright	16 00
"	-	-	Rev. I. Delo's charge	5 00
"	-	-	St. James' 5, Salem 6 79, per Rev. Yetter	11 79
"	-	-	Maysville 12 17, Bethel 10 91, Rev. Earhart	23 08
"	-	-	St. John's C. W., per Rev. Hengerer	8 00
"	-	-	North Zion, per Rev. Welfley	9 00
"	-	-	Zion's, Wheeling 74 cents, New Castle 2 37, Bridgwater 1, per Rev. Zimmerman	4 11
"	-	-	St. John's, Erie, per Rev. Brockman	6 00
"	-	-	St. Peter's 3, St. John's 3, Daniel's 2, Trinity 2 84, per Rev. Kaehler	10 84
"	-	-	Rev. Gaumer's charge	5 35
"	-	-	Greensburg 20, Adamsburg 15, per Rev. Ulery	35 00
"	-	-	North Washington charge, Rev. J. A. Delo	26 00
"	-	-	Worthington 20, St. Mark's 7, Rev. F. Ruthr'ff	27 00
"	-	-	Fayetteville, per Rev. Brown	6 61
"	-	-	St. Paul's 1 25, St. Peter's 1 56, Zion's, Ger. 1 69, St. John's, Ger. 1 03, per Rev. Brecht.	5 53
"	-	-	Toronto, per Rev. Rechenberg	14 50

May	1.	Cash from	Preston, C. W., per Rev. Wurster	$3 40
"	-	-	Rev. Nuner	1 00
"	-	-	Rev. Waters	1 00
"	-	-	1st English Lutheran church, Pittsburg, per Rev. Dr. Krauth	33 09
"	-	-	Worthington, per P. Graff, Esq., for former yr.	20 00
"	-	-	Birmingham, collected by Little Richard	3 00
"	-	-	Kellersburg 6 25, St. John's 3 50, Tarentum 1, Smithland 1, per Rev. Schweigert	11 75
"	-	-	Anniversary of Home Missionary Society	76 88
				$899 63

Expenditures.

1858–'9.

Amount overdrawn		$92 89
Appropriation to Butler mission		40 00
"	Toronto, C. W., mission	200 00
"	Hamilton, C. W., mission, part	25 00
"	Preston, C. W. mission	50 00
"	New Hamburg, C. W., mission, part	26 00
"	Toward moving expenses of missionary	25 00
"	Kittanning English mission	100 00
"	Alleghany City German mission, part	25 00
"	Forest mission, part	11 50
"	Monongahela mission, part	25 00
"	Missionary President, for traveling expenses	9 60
	Postage for 1858 and '59	10 00
		$639 99

Foreign Missions.

1859.

"		Cash from	Rev. C. A. Brockman	$2 00
"	-	-	Collection per Rev. W. Strobel	2 00
"	-	-	St. John's 12 84, Zion's 10 31, Mt. Calvary 2 84, per Rev. J. Fishburn	26 00
"	-	-	Center congregation, Ohio, per Rev. D. Garver	10 00
"	-	-	Bethlehem 1, Emanuel's 34 cents, St. Paul's 94 cents, Emerick's 39 cts., per Rev. Young	2 67
"	-	-	Rev. I. Delo's charge	5 03
"	-	-	St. John's, Erie, per Rev. Brockman	9 01
"	-	-	St. Peter's 9 01, St. John's 7 25, Daniel's 2 42, per Rev. Kaehler	18 68
"	-	-	Leechburg congregation, per Rev Kuhns	10 00
"	-	-	Greensburg 21 50, Adamsburg 6 60, per Rev. W. F. Ulery	28 10
"	-	-	North Washington charge, per Rev. J. A. Delo	30 00
"	-	-	Worthington 5 60, St. Mark's 3, per Rev. F. Ruthrauff	8 60
"	-	-	St. Paul's, Butler co. 1 56, St. Peter's 1 50 Zion's, German part 1 42, St. John's, German part 1 11, per Rev. Brecht	5 59
"	-	-	New Hamburg, C. W., per Rev. Gerndt	2 10
"	-	-	Toronto, C. W., per Rev. Rechenberg	6 96
				$166 74

Education Fund.

1858. June.		Balance in the hands of the Treasurer	$382 80
1859. June	1.	Cash from Canton, Ohio, 5 66, Centre 3 75, Rev. Garver.	9 41
"	- -	Warren, per Rev. Weicksel	8 00
"	- -	Jacobs' 4 27, St. John's 4 12, Mt. Zion's 4 12, Bethel 1 50, per Rev. Melhorn	14 01
"	- -	Prospect, per Rev. A. H. Waters	17 87
"	- -	Rev. S. B. Lawson's charge	2 59
"	- -	Rev. G. F. Ehrenfeld's charge	2 00
"	- -	Freeport 10, St. Matthew's 4, per Rev. Wright	14 00
"	- -	Rev. I. Delo's charge	2 12
"	- -	St. James' 5, Salem 6 59, per Rev. Yetter	11 59
"	- -	St. John's, C. W., per Rev. Hengerer	2 00
"	- -	North Zion, per Rev. Welfley	2 00
"	- -	Zelienople 3 18, Zion's 4 40, per Rev. Bassler	7 58
"	- -	Zion's, Wheeling, 74 cents, New Castle 2 36, Bridgwater 55 cents, per Rev. Zimmerman	3 65
"	- -	Rev. Gaumer's charge	8 39
"	- -	Leechburg congregation, per Rev. Kuhns	20 00
"	- -	Greensburg 20, Adamsburg 10, per Rev. W. F. Ulery	30 00
"	- -	North Washington charge, per Rev. J. A. Delo	26 00
"	- -	Worthington, per Rev. F. Ruthrauff	20 00
"	- -	St. Paul's 1 23, St. Peter's 1, Rev. Brecht	2 23
"	- -	Salem, Clarion co., per Rev. W. B. Bachtell	5 00
"	- -	Toronto, C. W., per Rev. Rechenberg	1 00
"	- -	1st English Luth. church, Pittsburg, per Rev. Dr. Krauth	33 09
"	- -	Worthington congregation, per P. Graff, Esq.	10 00
"	- -	Preston, C. W., per Rev. Wurster	60
"	- -	Anniversary of Education Society	42 33
			$678 26

Expenditures.

1858-'9. June		Cash paid James Q. Waters	$75 00
Nov.	- -	Solomon J. Berlin	140 00
Dec.	- -	Lewis Trautman	100 00
"	- -	James Q. Waters, balance on former year	10 00
			$325 00

Synodical Fund.

1858. June		Cash from Rev. A. H. Waters	$2 00
Aug.	- -	Rev. Strobel	2 38
Dec.	- -	Christ's church 1 08, Zion's 1 50, per Rev. G. F. Ehrenfeld	2 58
"	- -	Bethel & St. Michael's, per Rev. Earhart	3 10
"	- -	Kittanning English mission	4 00
"	- -	Pleasant Union, per Rev. Schweigert	1 76
"	- -	Birmingham church, per Rev. Reck	5 00
"	- -	Canton, Ohio, per Rev. Garver	4 00

Dec.	- Cash from	Forks' church, per Rev. Reichert	$5 00
"	- -	Warren, per Rev. Weicksel	6 00
"	- -	Washington 2, Bethlehem 3 25, per Rev. A. Weills	5 25
"	- -	Bethlehem, Clarion co. 2, Emanuel's 1, St. James' 87 cents, St. Paul's 2, Emerick's 1, per Rev. Young	6 87
"	- -	2d German Luth. ch., Pittsburg, Rev. Neuman	5 00
"	- -	Jacobs' 6, St. John's 4, Mt. Zion's 4, Bethel 2 per Rev. Melhorn.....	16 00
"	- -	Butler 4, Prospect 3 51, St. John's 80 cents, Hannahstown 1 50, per Rev. Waters.....	9 81
"	- -	Rev. S. B. Lawson's charge	6 83
"	- -	St. Matthew's 1 60, Clinton 2, Rev. Wright..	3 60
"	- -	Rev. I. Delo's charge.....	2 50
"	- -	St. James' 5, Salem 5, per Rev. Yetter.....	10 00
"	- -	Maysville church 2, Spring church 2, St. Michael's 2, per Rev. Earhart.....	6 00
"	- -	St. John's, C. W., per Rev. Hengerer	1 50
"	- -	North Zion, per Rev. Welfley.....	1 00
"	- -	Zelienople 3, Zion's 1 33, per Rev. Bassler ..	4 33
"	- -	St. Peter's 1, St. John's 1, Daniel's 1, Trinity 1, per Rev. Kaehler	4 00
"	- -	Rev. Gaumer's charge	6 62
"	- -	Leechburg church, per Rev. Kuhns	6 00
"	- -	Greensburg 5, Adamsburg 5, Rev. W. F. Ulery	10 00
"	- -	North Washington charge Rev. J. A. Delo ...	6 21
"	- -	St. Mark's, per Rev. F. Ruthrauff.....	2 50
"	- -	Worthington, per P. Graff, Esq.....	30 00
"	- -	Amity 3 04, Mercer 2 29, Rev. J. H. Brown..	5 33
"	- -	St. Paul's 1, St. Peter's 1, per Rev. Brecht...	2 00
"	- -	St. John's, Armstrong co. 60 cents, Tarentum 1, Smithland 1, per Rev. Schweigert	2 60
"	- -	Pushlinch, C. W., per Rev. Wurster.....	1 00
			$190 67

Expenditures.

1858-'9.			
		Amount overdrawn.....	$9 88
1859.			
Feb.	- Cash paid	H. C. Neinstedt, on account	100 00
"	- -	Discount and interest on note of loan	4 00
March	- -	W. S. Haven, for English minutes	71 48
"	- -	Freight on German minutes '57 & '58.....	2 50
"	- -	Postage " " "	6 81
"	- -	" English " "	3 70
"	- -	H. C. Neinstedt, add. on account.....	4 50
"	- -	Rev. A. H. Waters, for transcribing minutes .	10 50
			$213 37

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PASTORS.	Churches' Names and Locations.	Infant Baptisms.	Admission to full Member' Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	From Sister Churches.	From other Denominat's.	Restorations.	Losses. By Death.	Removal.	Suspension.	Excommunications.	Communicants.	Deaths of Children.	Sunday Schools. Lutheran.	Union.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Catechumens.	Prayer Meetings.	Contributions. Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions. For India Mission.	For Africa Mission.	Education Fund.	Local Objects.	Other Objects of Benevolence.	Preaching places but no cong.
1. F. Ruthrauff, 6 months,	Worthington,	12	4	21	5	2	..	1	..	..	..	231	4	2	..	14	150	15	2	....	$20 00	$5 60	....	$20 00	....	....	..
	St. Mark's,	9	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	1	..	..	....	..	..	$2 50	7 00	3 00	....	....	....	....	..
2. Rev. Abraham Weills,	Bethlehem ch., Washington co.	11	8	29	7	..	..	6	4	..	..	160	4	1	1	15	105	..	..	3 23	....	....	....	....	$2 50	....	2
	Washington,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	2 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
3. Rev. G. F. Ehrenfeld,	Zion's ch., Allegheny tp.	6	..	5	4	..	1	2	..	..	..	77	..	1	..	12	50	..	..	1 50	4 32	....	....	2 00	5 00	....	..
	St. John's ch.	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	1	..	10	40	12	..	....	91	....	....	....	....	....	..
	Christ's ch.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	1 08	2 30	....	....	....	50 00	$3 25	..
4. Rev. C. P. Krauth, D.D.	First Eng. Luth. ch., Pittsburg,	14	2	11	9	6	..	6	4	..	..	293	3	2	..	40	500	..	3	5 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
5. Rev. J. G. Young,	Zion's ch., Clarion co.	15	..	..	1	..	..	1	7	..	..	90	..	..	1	..	....	..	..	....	77	....	....	....	....	....	..
	Bethlehem,	19	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	2 00	1 00	1 00	....	....	....	....	..
	Emanuel's,	17	2	1	6	..	..	1	1	..	..	40	..	..	1	..	....	.	1	1 00	1 00	34	....	....	....	....	..
	St. James',	15	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	..	..	1	..	....	16	..	87	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
	Kammerdiener's,	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	36	..	..	1	..	....	14	1	2 00	1 00	94	....	....	....	....	..
	Emerick's,	10	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	1 00	1 00	39	....	....	....	....	..
6. Rev. G. Bassler,	Zelienople,	3	1	4	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	69	1	1	..	15	70	15	1	3 00	41 21	19 50	....	3 18	160 00	50 00	..
	Zion's,	7	..	1	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	64	.	1	..	12	114	4	..	1 33	....	36 63	....	4 40	....	25 00	..
7. Rev. S. B. Lawson, For 2 months in West Newton charge.	State Road, 6 months,	5	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	113	1	1	1	10	100	..	1	....	....	....	....	....	890 00	....	1
	West Newton, Westmoreland co.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	60	1	1	..	8	50	..	..	1 79	1 00	...	....	....	....	....	..
	Calvary ch.	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	1	1	..	7	40	..	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	..
	St. Paul's,	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	180	..	..	1	8	....	..	..	3 04	2 00	....	....	2 00	...	....	..
	Amity,	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	60	2	1	..	7	40	..	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
	Hoffnung's,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	2 00	....	2 00	....	2 59	....	....	..
8. Rev. D. Earhart,	St. Michael's,	23	..	16	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	270	..	1	1	12	180	..	..	2 00	31 30	....	....	13 91	30 00	5 04	..

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		Admission to										Losses								Sunday								Contributions			
	Rider's,	20	8	10	..	2	2	3	2	1	..	129	2	..	2	..	....	..	2	2 83	10 00	11 00	....	10 00	....	30 00	..
	Millerstown,	6	..	1	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	...	2	..	1	..	....	..	1	1 38	4 00	5 00	....	4 00	150 00	25 00	..
	Zion's,	..	6	3	..	..	1	1	4	3	..	...	..	..	1	17	83	..	1	....	2 00	3 00	....	2 00	....	20 00	..
28. Rev. J. H. Brown,	Fayetteville,	11	8	11	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	144	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	6 61	19 40	....	....	....	....	..
	Amity,	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	3 04	....	23 05	....	....	....	....	..
		1										20								2 29	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
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																								4 00	5 00	....	..